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SUBJECT: RESEARCH IN SEYCHELLES: NILOUFOR HIRSCHMAN

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1. PERMSEC FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, PETER HEADY, INFORMED US SEPTEMBER 23 THAT GOS HAS ACTED FAVORABLY ON REQUEST BY MRS. NILOUFOR HIRSCHMAN TO CONDUCT PROPOSED DISSERTATION RESEARCH IN SEYCHELLES. HEADY SAID MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND AVIATION HAD MADE FINAL DECISION AFTER NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT INQUIRIES INTO FIELD OF TOURISM AND, ESPECIALLY, ITS IMPACT ON SEYCHELLES SOCIETY, HOWEVER ACADEMIC, COULD TOUCH UPON POLITICALLY SENSITIVE AREAS AND PROVE EMBARASSING IN RUMOR-PRONE, SMALL-TOWN ENVIRONMENT. (EMBASSY SHARES THESE CONCERNS).

2. HEADY SUGGESTS THAT MRS. HIRSCHMAN CONTACT DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AS SOON AS SHE ARRIVES FOR GUIDANCE ON LOCAL SCENE. WE RECOMMEND HIRSCHMAN ALSO CONTACT EMBASSY SO THAT WE CAN GIVE HER COUNTRY BRIEFING.

3. WE WILL NOTIFY HIRSCHMAN OF GOS DECISION BY INTER-NATIONAL AIR MAIL. HOWEVER, IN VIEW URGENT NATURE THIS REQUEST AND DELAY IN OBTAINING GOS APPROVAL, REQUEST DEPARTMENT RELAY
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